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RESPONSEThe Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Examiner Harris:

Thank you for the Office Action dated Dec. 16, 2002. Please enter these amendments:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel the pending claims and add new claims 19-38 as follows:

19. A method for inhibiting metastatic prostate tumor growth in a mammalian host expressing native NKG2D and determined to have a metastatic prostate tumor arising in situ and comprising prostate tumor cells, the method comprising steps:

administering to the mammalian host a composition comprising an NKG2D-binding agent, wherein the NKG2D-binding agent is multivalent, wherein the administering step is effective to inhibit growth of the tumor; and

detecting a resultant inhibition of growth of the tumor by evaluating growth of the tumor.

20. A method according to claim 19, wherein the administering is remote from the tumor.

21. The method of claim 19, wherein the agent comprises an NKG2D-specific antibody.